

4/13/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

On 4/13 1 OSC, 1 ERT personnel, and 1 SERES Contractor arrived in St. John to conduct ventilation of Units J upper and lower and a 24-hour Summa canister sampling event. The ventilation will be conducted on 4/14 and the sampling event will be completed on 4/16. Additional wipe samples will also be taken in both J upper and lower. Results of these samples will assist decision makers in the clearing of the condos for re-occupancy.

Today ATSDR continued telephone interviews with guests. In addition, ATSDR will be contacting an individual who had visited Sirenusa and believes they exhibited symptoms similar to those associated with methyl bromide exposure. ATSDR continues to have internal discussions regarding an appropriate clearance number for the condominiums.

The REOC continued working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. REOC has been in contact with the distributors of the cylinders on St. Croix and St. Thomas and is arranging transportation off island, in coordination with CID and DOJ. REOC has also been coordinating with ATSDR regarding clearance values for re-occupancy.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 1 OSCs, 1 EPA ERT, 1 SERES contractor.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, St. John Police Department, Terminix, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.